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Students coming from across the pond provide TJC with a diverse student body.

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## Engineered for growth

TJC and UT-Tyler have a compact to give engineering students more opportunities to succeed.

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## Volleyball

Corinna Stark, 24, is the oldest TJC volleyball player.

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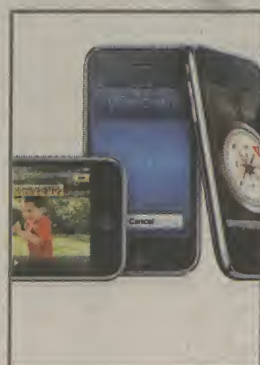
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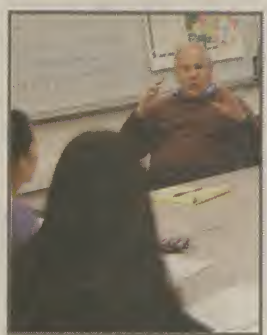
Prompted partly by the iPhone's phenomenal popularity, consumers are demanding and likely to get a wider range of touch screens on many more electronic devices. See the full story at [tjcnewspaper.com](http://tjcnewspaper.com).



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### Movie options

Redbox is becoming the premier place to rent movies, but movie executives believe the movie rental up and comer could be harmful to the film industry. See full story at [tjcnewspaper.com](http://tjcnewspaper.com).



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### Student Justice

Northwestern University Journalism students fight to overturn the wrongful imprisonment of a man accused of murdering a security guard. See full story at [tjcnewspaper.com](http://tjcnewspaper.com).

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## Depression, anxiety problems among students

By Nahum Lopez  
Photo Editor

With the semester advancing and midterms approaching soon, students can become overwhelmed and stressed, leading to some form of depression or anxiety.

Depression isn't a normal part of growing older, but it is a treatable medical condition according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

"Depression is something every one has a touch of some time in their life. Some admit it and seek the help, but others want to be in control. Remember, even Moses was a basketcase at one time," said Brenda Fields, director of Admissions and Referrals at ETMC Behavioral Health.

Sometimes students are at an increased risk for depression because of the drastic changes their lives have taken. The first few months of going to college and being away from home is a difficult transition for

some.

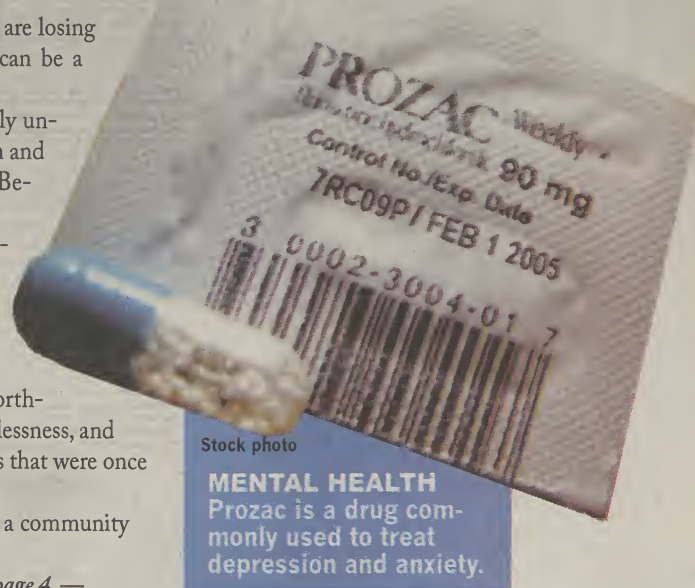
Students at times feel as if they are losing their minds. It may be stress or it can be a chemical imbalance.

"If you feel that you are mentally unstable, we have partial hospitalization and out-patient programs at ETMC - Behavioral Health," Fields said.

Depression is not just having "the blues" or the emotions felt when grieving the loss of a loved one. According to the CDC, red flags can be feelings of hopelessness, pessimism, feelings of guilt, worthlessness, helplessness, irritability, restlessness, and loss of interest in activities or hobbies that were once enjoyed.

"At the Andrews Center, we are a community

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**MENTAL HEALTH**  
Prozac is a drug commonly used to treat depression and anxiety.

## Crowded campus



Photo by Nahum Lopez



Photos by Griffin Blackburn

**MAKE TIME** Left, students in line at the TJC bookstore during the first day of class. Top right, students circle the overflow parking lot looking for a space. Bottom right, the largest of TJC's parking areas is shown at capacity.

## Rising enrollment calls for changes

By Griffin Blackburn  
Managing Editor

Historically, when the economy is doing poorly, many return to school for a career change or to increase their education to become more desirable to employers. This can result in a spike in enrollment numbers at local community colleges.

Community colleges are ideal for returning students because of their flexible schedules, Internet courses and low cost to attend. Tyler Junior College is not immune to this trend.

"I'm pleased to see what's happening with our population growth," TJC Provost Homer M. Hayes said.

With enrollment at 11,045 students this semester, up from 9,600 students in the spring, TJC saw a large growth in student population.

As Provost, Hayes is responsible

for all areas of TJC's academics. If TJC had a ladder of hierarchy, the Provost would be right below the President of the college, and above all the vice presidents.

"I'm more concerned about scheduling classes to accommodate all of our students," Hayes said.

This semester TJC did see an issue with scheduling classes for its students. The fall 2009 deadline for class scheduling was extended a week to allow students more time to get into the classes they needed. With the increase in student population comes concerns.

"We need to get more advisors to make sure students are getting into the classes they need to get into," Hayes said.

Along with advisors, TJC is always looking for new faculty and adjunct faculty to maintain the quality of education that the college is known for. With

more faculty, the college can offer more classes later in the day to prevent too many students from being on campus at the same time.

"We want to encourage students to spread their courses out during the day. They could come later in the afternoon, nights or we could start weekend classes. They could also take night classes, where they come for three hours a night, one night a week," Hayes said.

Along with scheduling, housing all the students that want to stay on campus becomes difficult as well. Even with the new Louise H. and Joseph Z. Ornelas Residential Complex adding 462 beds to the already 1,062 existing beds, the supply of on-campus housing is still not enough.

"The main problem my department faced was running out of beds

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### IN THE FAMILY

## Students first to attend college

By Amanda Caldwell  
Staff Writer

Some students walking around Tyler Junior College's campus hold the distinction of being the first person in their families to ever attend college.

"I want to make something out of myself," said Keosha Gipson, a first-generation student attending TJC.

Students who do not have parents who attended college are often at a disadvantage.

Potential students who are not familiar with how to go about starting college can attend workshops through Support Services. Advisors are available to help students fill out all the forms to apply to TJC and get them off to a good start.

For first-generation students who are freshmen, the First Year Experience also helps them get adjusted and started on the right path by providing an online course with different modules to help students maneuver through the campus as well as college. Students can check their schedule or go to My Online courses on Apache Access to see if they are enrolled.

If finances are a problem,

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## Smoke-free campuses becoming a trend in Texas

By Ambra Phillips  
Staff Writer

Smoking-related diseases remain the world's most preventable cause of death.

Approximately 54,000 people die each year as a result of exposure to secondhand smoke, according to The American Cancer Society.

"I cover my nose whenever I walk through smokers," said Cameron Frowick, Tyler Junior College sophomore.

Secondhand smoke is composed of side stream smoke from the burning cigarette and released smoke, smoke blown out of the smoker's mouth.

A lot of secondhand smoke is inhaled involuntary and is an inconvenience.

No amount of secondhand smoke is risk free. Even small amounts of exposure can prove harmful, according to the Surgeon General.

Many of the same chemicals present in smoke inhaled by smokers are contained in secondhand smoke. Side stream smoke is generated at lower levels and under different conditions and it contains higher concentrations of many of the toxins found in cigarette smoke. It's estimated by The National Toxicology Program at least 250 chemicals in secondhand smoke are known to cause cancer.

As a result, some colleges are choosing to become smoke-free campuses. However, going smoke free is not an easy process.

"There are several people that would have to see the proposal starting with the student senate, then student affairs and so on," said Vincent Nguyen, director of Student Life and Involvement at TJC.

According to Nguyen, student



Photo by Ambra Phillips

**SMOKE BREAK** Ray Homan takes a few minutes in between classes to enjoy a cigar.

senate, made up of 10-12 students, would research how being smoke free effects other colleges and also survey TJC students.

"Students would ultimately decide

if TJC became smoke free," he said.

TJC is already in compliance with the city's ordinance that doesn't allow smoking inside public facilities, including restaurants. Tyler is doing more to ensure smoke free environments.

"The city recently changed ordinances to increase space between smoke and buildings," said Fred Peters, director of marketing at TJC.

Smokers have to be at least 50 feet away from buildings to smoke.

Some students suggest smokers should be isolated from non-smokers.

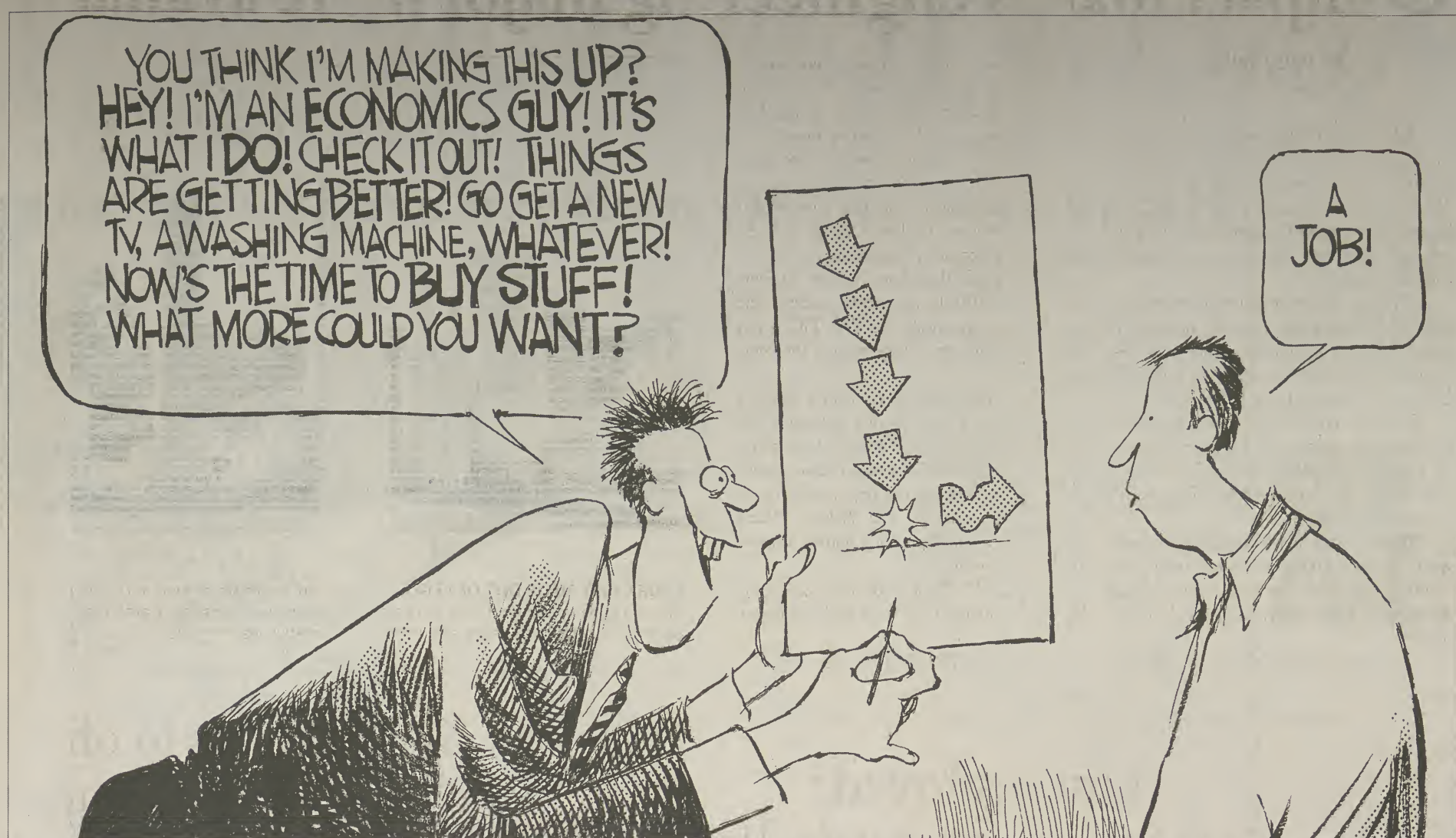
"They should have a designated area somewhere off to the side," said Frowick.

The process of making TJC smoke free could be a fairly long process.

"The process would take maybe a year. We would want to make sure all

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column

## Rights of marriage should apply to all

By Madison Payne  
Editor in chief

This could possibly be the most controversial column I will write this semester, but please take into consideration that this is my opinion and my opinion alone and I am more than open to hearing your opinion. That is what a letter to the editor is for.

According to gaydemographics.org, there were 707,196 same-sex couples in the U.S. in 2004, provided by census estimate. There were 42,192 same-sex couples in Texas in 2004. This was taken five years ago, so you can imagine the numbers today are higher.

I personally believe that marriage is the union of two people who love each other and would like to make their unity official. Who are we to deny this unity to anyone, especially when in all reality, despite what some people may think, it will not affect anyone else? No matter what

you do, there will always be same-sex couples, so why does it matter if their union is official in the eyes of the of law?

Some people say that same-sex marriage will be the downfall of the sanctity of marriage. I believe that what is destroying the sanctity of marriage is the sky-high divorce rate.

Couples get married every day for the wrong reasons. Why not let a couple that truly loves each other make an official commitment that everyone else in America is given the opportunity to enjoy?

I personally believe that one day gay marriage will be legalized everywhere, why push against it, because it is not your belief or your choice of lifestyle? Well, it is not my choice of lifestyle for two people to get married for the wrong reasons and start a family and tear it apart due to divorce, but we can't stop it. Some of these same-sex couples have been together over a decade and they

still love each other more and more everyday and if they want to make their commitment legit, then by all means let them do it. Putting a stop to gay marriage will not get rid of same-sex couples, so I do not understand why some people are so headstrong about being against it. I promise you, there will always be straight couples but there will also always be gay couples.

Marriage of interracial couples was made legal in 1967, I am sure that back then they never thought that they would see the day. I know that if gay marriage was made legal, then they would absolutely receive some prejudice, just like how a Louisiana judge denied the marriage of an interracial couple a couple of weeks ago, but the fact of the matter is that you cannot stop it. So if you are trying to put a stop to gay marriage to try to prove a point, then save it, because although these couples will be hurt by the fact that they cannot make this



official commitment, they will stay together regardless because they love each other.

How would you feel if you fell head over heels in love with someone and you were denied the rights of marriage that everyone else is given? I am not asking you to agree with the gay lifestyle, I am asking you to be open-minded enough to let them live their lives as you live yours.

## VIEWpoint

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Posted October 15, 2009

Response to Show me the money

As an active TJC alumni and former student senate member I was appalled to read the two articles about SSFAC funding. It is my understanding that money was supposed to be awarded based on TJC's three promises.

I am not knocking any group on TJC, but you cannot tell me that all of the groups that were allocated money fulfill all three promises and that the TJC Apache Punch drumline does not. Some of the groups that were given money I have never even heard of nor have seen any of their services to the community.

It is amazing that the Apache Punch Drumline is able to receive a quality education when they barely are able to fit in the band hall and have no practice rooms along with the other 90 music majors at TJC. The drumline was told that they did not receive funding due to the fact that they have a departmental budget. I understand that the Punch is part of the band and receives a departmental budget, but so are the TJC twirlers and they received funding.

What kind of retreat is the student senate taking that costs \$55,000? That is more money than any one organization was given and equals up to 40% of the total money given out.

The deadline for proposals was changed not allowing some organizations to get their proposals in on time. That is not an organization's fault nor is it their responsibility. The SSFAC should have made every organization aware of the change by phone call, email, and Web posting not just by word of mouth or second packet. Furthermore, I cannot believe that 10 students are responsible for so much money with the advice of only one advisor. That is absolutely absurd. I for one will not be paying my alumni dues anytime soon.

Posted October 9, 2009

Response to Committee process, constitution....

President Metke is jumping the gun. He can't promise that these groups will have funding next year because there will never be enough to go around. What if enrollment drops? Won't the fund go down since less students will be paying the fee. If you add faculty, students will be intimidated by them and take over their right to disburse their student funds. I think the students should protest!

editorial

## Civil rights for everyone — except students

Apparently, students have less right to public information and records, because clearly constitutional laws do not apply to them. People can deny students basic civil liberties because, well, what can they do about it?

Let's say, and this is just a random example, that maybe the information being withheld were decisions made about where the Student Life Fee was being spent.

This is money paid by students, for student use at a public institution — public record.

One would think that because it is public record, to get this information, one would simply have to ask for it. Sadly, for students, it is usually much more complicated.

Or, let's say that maybe the information being withheld were

the majors of a few students being investigated for a homicide. Again, just an example.

While some might argue that the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act or FERPA would protect this information, the act clearly states what is and is not educational record.

For instance, grades, transcripts, social security numbers, gender, race, computer media, video or audio tapes, CDs and photographs are all items that can only be released with student consent.

On the other hand, there is directory information. This is information the school may disclose without consent from the student. This includes their name, address, phone number, email address, date of attendance, degree(s) awarded, en-

rollment status, and lastly, major field of study.

Also, FERPA clearly includes telephone numbers in directory information, which means, if someone were to ask the school for a student's phone number, the school could supply it.

If a student in a leadership position, let's say, a Student Services Fee Advisory Committee member, were to choose not to talk about the important decisions they were making, and therefore would not like to be called by student journalists, they must take further action to individually and formally inform the college that their number should be private.

When a person takes an office, whether it's the chair of a committee at a junior college

or the president of the United States, they must be prepared to disclose public records.

There are no restrictions on public information.

If a parent or journalist from a non-student publication were to ask for information that is by law public, would the supplier even question it?

When students, particularly student journalists ask for this information, whether from Tyler Junior College or any other college or university, they should be given the information without difficulty and definitely should not be threatened to be placed under arrest.

The fact is students have a right to public information, and it should not be any more difficult to obtain public records for a student than anyone else.

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## Compact makes engineering major more available

By Daisy Valle  
News Editor

Tyler Junior College engineering students can begin taking more courses as a result of a recently signed compact between TJC and The University of Texas at Tyler. The goal is to increase the number of engineers in Texas by making engineering education more available and affordable.

"My hope is that we will see more students enter the engineering program because it's easier to start at a community college. It's less expensive and assures the work will transfer to UT," said Dr. Butch Hayes, TJC provost.

Both UT-Tyler and TJC signed the Voluntary Statewide Mechanical Engineering Transfer Compact (VSMETC) during a ceremony held Oct. 5 at UT-Tyler's Ratliff Engineering and Science Complex.

The primary goal of signing the compact was to establish a program of study at the community college level that will in-turn increase the amount of community college students that transfer.

"Our focus and what we were working on is

to prepare them for the next level," said Hayes.

Starting spring semester, students can begin taking engineering courses on the TJC campus as well as the UT-Tyler campus.

"What I'm hoping to see is a lot more students who are coming into careers gearing toward engineering and computer science," said Dr. James Nelson, UT-Tyler College of Engineering and Computer Science dean.

Nelson said that about half the students who attend UT-Tyler are transfer students. The compact isn't specifically for TJC. TJC is just the first community college to sign the compact.

"The whole-thing is no matter where a student starts, as long as that institution has agreed, those courses will transfer because we have all agreed to teach the same course content that have the same learning objectives achieved within those courses," said Nelson. "That's where from a stand point of a student it opens their options wide."

TJC and UT Tyler are the first higher education institutions to sign the VSMET compact

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**NEW YORK CITY MADE OUT OF LEGOS** Visitors can see much of New York City made entirely of Legos in Miniland USA at Legoland California in Carlsbad, California. TJC engineering students use Legos and K'NEX as a creative learning tool.

## Unemployed?

### Job availability may be scarce this season

Hannah Hill  
Staff Writer

This winter break, the availability of seasonal jobs is becoming scarce.

The 2008 holiday season offered 384,000 jobs, which is only half the jobs that were available in 2007, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. With these staggering numbers and current economic indicators, the 2009 seasonal job market is headed for aggressive competition.

"You have to view this job search as a job itself," said Shawn Boyer, chief executive for SnagAJob.com.

Because of the already shaky economy, the unemployment rate is at the highest it has been in years. It is now up 9.8 percent from the 7 percent reported last year. Even though September sales for retailers increased this year compared to last, the holiday sales are expected to remain low, according to forecasts from J.C. Penny Co, Macy's Inc., and Target Corp.

If employers remain hesitant to hire any new employees, the unemployment rate will then be expected to continue its steady increase.

Many job seekers are falling into an intense battle to land a part-time, seasonal job. According to the AP's retail writer Anne D'Innocenzio, many businesses feel this could be the lowest spending season in decades because of the decreased number of jobs, hours and available credit.

"I don't think consumer spending is going to see a substantial uptick," said Ken Perkins, president of retail research firm Retail Metrics. "Shoppers are concerned about rebuilding their balance sheets."

With the decrease in spending and the decrease in available income, many are stuck trying to find a leg to stand on. Therefore, the job hunt has undoubtedly become "an employer's pool" where job



Photo by Nahum Lopez

**SEASONAL JOBS** Over the holidays students tend to seek out seasonal jobs. But with the workforce limited, students may have a hard time.

seekers are the individuals snooping for work and the employers await their applicants, according to Kevin Fowler, the Tyler Junior College director of Human Resources.

"With more people looking for fewer (available) jobs, it emphasizes the fact that you have to be resourceful and creative," Boyer said.

Unemployed individuals are encouraged to look for out of the ordinary seasonal jobs, as well as the more typical holiday work. Looking in nontraditional job fields will allow for a broader search range.

For example, many openings arise in childcare facilities, valet parking positions, or even security guards. The classic Santa's helper, tree farm seller, retail worker, and restaurant wait staff is continuously an active boom during the holiday season.

When looking for a seasonal job, it is important to apply for more than just

one at a time. Experts advise to apply in person early and try to be as flexible as possible.

"Know the product. Most seasonal jobs require people who need very little training," said Tory Johnson in a report for ABC News.

Many employers are looking to keep the seasonal staff on as full-time or hire the same staff the next season, so a good impression is important.

"Employer's first plan of action is always to call back the crew from last year..." Boyer said. "Employer's will look at you as a potential long term employee if you express interest in that."

The few available jobs this winter are going quicker than usual. For seasonal job opportunities in the Tyler area go to [www.simon.com/mall/malljobs](http://www.simon.com/mall/malljobs). For other options outside the Tyler area, search on job employment Web sites such as SnagAJob.com or CareerBuilder.com.

## SFA partners to offer classes at TJC campus

By Coryn Cain  
Staff Writer

Teachers from Stephen F. Austin have found a new home in Tyler Junior College's classrooms. Now, TJC is becoming a learning ground for lumberjacks, who live outside the Nacogdoches County limits and closer to Tyler.

This type of instruction was first introduced at TJC in the fall of 2005, with courses including Social Work and Groups and Human Behavior 1301.

"We're working side by side with TJC, to make sure our students receive a quality education," said Charlice Olsen, an assistant for Dr. Freddie Albanet.

Stephen F. Austin designed this learning instruction simply for lumberjacks who live closer to the Tyler area than to Nacogdoches. This gives students from areas like Kilgore, Athens and the North Tyler area the opportunity to obtain a degree from SFA.

"It allows us the opportunity to reach a group of students that we wouldn't normally reach," said Steve Copper, an instructor from Stephen F. Austin.

For a course to first start at least 20 students have to be enrolled at the beginning of the semester. Classes are taught regularly, with the exception of each individual maintaining the same schedule in a cohort (group process). This means that all students are required to take the same courses as assigned for that semester, and complete them along with their group.

At the end of the four semesters, students will then advance to Stephen F. Austin, for their final courses. Evening classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4-6:30 p.m. and from 6:45-9:15 p.m.

As for teachers, they have two methods of conducting their classes at TJC. Many commute from Nacogdoches

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## News In Brief

### CRIME

#### TJC STUDENT SUSPECT IN HOMICIDE

Two TJC students are under investigation as suspects in a homicide that occurred on Oct. 14 at Varsity Place Apartments, located off of Varsity Drive.

Police arrested 21-year-old Keith Dotson on Oct. 14 for previous warrants and later that day, investigators had enough probable cause to arrest 21-year-old Jeremy Walker, both from Houston. Tyler Police obtained an arrest warrant for murder for Walker on Oct. 15.

Tyler PD was called to the scene in response to gunshots at the complex. When the officers arrived, they found 20-year-old Ricky R. Davis, from Hallsville, deceased due to a gunshot wound to the head.

According to witnesses, the suspect went to an apartment, obtained a handgun and returned firing several shots into a group of people in the parking lot. Davis was the only person struck by the gunfire.

According to Officer Don Martin, one of the suspects and the victim had a physical

altercation prior to the shooting, but the cause is still under investigation.

Walker's Bond was set at \$750,000 by Judge Skeen, and Dotson's bond was set at \$3,000. Dotson was released on Oct. 17. Walker remains confined.

Investigators continue to look at the possibility that other suspects are involved. This case is still under investigation.

#### VIOLENCE AT CAMPUSES EVERYWHERE

Tuition may not be the most troubling concern for parents sending their children off to college.

A disturbing pattern of violent crime has erupted across the nation's campuses, from Yale University, where a female graduate student was strangled, to the University of California at Los Angeles, where a chemistry student was stabbed repeatedly in a lab.

This month at Sacramento State University in California, a student was beaten to death in his dormitory by a bat-wielding roommate. A football player was fatally knifed at the University of Connecticut.

"Campus crime is not new," said Jonathan Kassa of Security On Campus Inc. "You can't stop it all. You can't control everything, search everyone, but you can reduce the risks and strengthen the response. Be prepared."

## Recruiters spend weeks on road to 'sell' TJC

By Audrinee' Anderson  
Staff Writer

Spending nine weeks on the road to "sell" Tyler Junior College to potential students, recruiters have a tough job.

Recruiting is one way to encourage students to come to TJC.

"In the month of August, 1,600 students came to the admissions office to enroll in TJC," said Nidia Hassen, director of Admissions and Dual Credit.

Total enrollment is estimated to rise above 11,000 this semester.

Recruiters said they love their job and the experience they get out of helping students.

"The benefits of being a recruiter are traveling, meeting new people, making friendships and making professional ties," said Janna Chancey, executive director of Enrollment Management Services.

Most of the recruiters start out in their late 20s and in two to five years move up to different positions. This is because recruiting consist of a lot of hard work

**"The recruiting offices helped out a lot for me to go to school..."**

-Keenan Woods  
TJC Offensive Lineman

and consumes plenty of time from the recruiters.

"Recruiters have to know everything about TJC - degree plans, cost of housing, athletics, and etc. to appeal to parents and potential students," Chancey said.

As a result, recruiters must attend special sessions to discuss different issues that may come up while recruiting.

"Recruiters go through professional development meetings throughout the year, including admissions, dual credit/ registrar and advising offices, to make sure they are all on the same page about TJC and new things that are going on," Admission Recruiter Rachel Wale Dickerson said.

Without the recruiter's help, most students wouldn't know the programs TJC offers.

"The recruiting offices helped out a lot for me to go to school, because very few high school athletes actually receive scholarships to go to college," TJC Offensive Lineman Keenan Woods said.

Although the recruiters would like to go to every school in Texas, there are a limited number of schools that TJC's recruiters can effectively reach.

"The schools the recruiters go to are based on the amount of time they have, and also, the recruiters try not to go too far of a distance because of the lack of dorms," Hassan said.

"Recruiters mostly go out to schools in the Dallas/Forth Worth areas, Austin, Houston, San Antonio, the Gulf Coast and Beaumont area," Dickerson said.

Most recruiters spend about two weeks in major cities like Dallas and Houston.

Besides going to different schools, recruiters look for new students as often as they can by delivering brochures to high

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that was established through The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. It was funded through the Lumina Foundation for Education.

Although classes officially begin this spring semester, students are already taking introductory classes in the engineering field at TJC.

"In our intro class, we actually get to see the difference between a two-year community college and the four-year university," said Jeremy Glasscock, engineering major.

"Our lecture class is set in stone on Mondays at TJC, but UT makes it really convenient by letting us choose out of three different nights for our lab class."

Glasscock also said that the lab at UT-Tyler is enjoyable and imaginative. A few of their projects have been building a bridge out of K'NEX, creating a mountain lift out of Lego gear and even making an LED (light-emitting diode) strobe light.

"We defined a set of courses... that fit most mechanical engineering programs in the state," said Nelson. "If a student pursues those

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and Computer Science Dean

[courses] when they get to the four-year institution; they should be able to finish in another four or five semesters total after attending two years at TJC."

Nelson also described how quickly an associate degree graduate was able to obtain their Bachelor's degree now that UT-Tyler and TJC are working together. Before these courses were implemented, students were taking up to seven courses at UT-Tyler mainly because of poor course choices at community colleges.

The introductory class along with the new engineering courses are available for on-line registration Nov. 2.

RECRUITER

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schools and counselors and by stopping by local high schools to talk to the students.

When recruiters visit different high schools, they bring along items to persuade students to come to TJC and give them a feel for the campus and degree plans that are offered.

"When recruiters go to high schools, they usually bring a view book of the college and brochures," Hassan said.

Recruiters also look for all kinds of students to enroll. They like to know what certain students want out of a college and try to offer it to them.

"TJC has an open-door policy to all potential students and doesn't target a specific type of person," Chancey said.

While it may seem that a recruiter's job is

easy, some recruiters have to work hard to get students interested in enrolling and attending.

"Recruiters tell students about TJC's high academics, reasonable cost and different programs," Chancey said.

Even though being a recruiter can have its fun times, there are also drawbacks.

Recruiters are usually away from home nine to 10 weeks out of a semester, which takes a lot of time away from family and friends.

"Recruiting can get tiresome at times because you are away from family and on the road all the time," Chancey said.

However, without recruiters, many students may have never seen an opportunity to attend college and continue their education.

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to Tyler or connect with their students through an online learning system.

Currently there are four courses offered in this program taking place on TJC's campus. Some of those courses include Human Behavior, Sociology 1301 and Social Groups and Behavior.

"We're honored to have this program at

Stephen F. Austin," said Sam Coplin, an instructor at SFA.

Spring courses are not yet available.

Due to low demand, the courses aren't offered every semester.

For more information on this program, contact Steve Copper, instructor from Stephen F. Austin, at (936) 468-5105.

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MHMR (Mental health and mental retardation) facility. We have doctors, psychiatrist, therapists, counselors, and nurses on staff," said Carla Gablin, who handles out-patient services for the Andrews Center in Tyler.

Students may also experience fatigue, decreased energy, difficulty concentrating, remembering details, making decisions, insomnia, early-morning-wakefulness, or excessive sleeping, overeating, or appetite loss. Along with all those feelings of despair and uncertainty also come thoughts of suicide. But treatment is out there for those who need help.

Some things that may be helpful to students who are going through a stressful time may be to improve eating habits, avoid fatigue and sleep deprivation. Also work to maintain mental health and avoid substance use.

"When something bad happens, music is my life," said Uriel Carbajal, TJC freshman.

If a student has a health or safety concern, they are encouraged to get help. Students should talk to someone they trust like a parent, doctor, nurse, social worker, teacher, counselor or religious leader.

Coping strategies can also become detrimental to a student's health, making the situation worse. It can be hard for students to deal with stress, so they might turn to drugs and alcohol. Many students seek refuge in marijuana and prescription pills because they believe it's a way to cope with life.

"There are services available and people who care. The help is there if they really want it," said Connie Caldwell, chemical dependency counselor of East Texas Center for Alcohol and Drug Abuse (ETCADA).

Depending on the type of drug the student is taking, they may be sent to a detoxification center in Marshall. If students are

concerned about a roommate, offer to go with him or her to see a healthcare provider to be diagnosed and treated.

"If a student is seeking help outside of chemical dependency, we usually refer them to the local MHMR," Caldwell said.

One of the main concerns students have is where they are going to get the money for the check up. At ETCADA, screening and assessment is a service that is offered free of charge. After the screening process, a student may be referred to a center where he or she will go through group and individual therapy. For student without insurance or the ability to pay, the Andrews Center is often the provider of choice as they have a sliding fee scale. Some churches also offer counseling.

"We address each student on a case-by-case basis and attempt to link them with the services they need from TJC or another agency," said Margaret Rapp, TJC's ADA student coordinator and counselor.

At TJC, crisis counseling is offered through Support Services. It is brief and solution-focused with licensed professional counselors. There is also a counselor that comes to the Campus Clinic on Monday afternoons. If students have insurance, referrals are made to the appropriate doctors.

"Students are evaluated on a sliding scale based on proof of income and what monthly expenses the student may have. After the evaluation, the student will be assigned a therapist and counselor," Gablin said.

Contact Campus Safety or community police for safety concerns in the case of an emergency or contact ETMC Behavioral Health at (903) 266-2241 Andrews Center Tyler at (903) 597-1351, ETCADA at 1-800-441-8639 or New Beginnings (903) 581-9472

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Support Services can always help. Students may also qualify for the Perkins Grant. This Grant is specialized for two-year Career Tech or Allied Health majors. Students applying must be Pell-eligible, undergraduate students enrolled in school and a full-time student.

"Being successful in life while making money, without failing in life, inspires me the most," said Gipson. "My family is proud of me, and encourages me to do my best. They're behind me the whole way."

There is also the TRiO program located on the top floor of the Rogers Student Center that can help students transfer to a four-year university. They also have programs for first-generation students.

Students who get involved with clubs and

organizations can interact with other students to help adjust to the college life.

"We have a lot of special services for students in our programs," said Renee Hawkins, Project Coordinator of TRiO.

Sixty-seven percent have to be both low-income and first-generation students. The other 33 percent can either be first-generation, low income or disabled. Students can apply in the TRiO study lab.

The Learning Loft, located on the third floor of the RSC can also provide free tutors for those who need help in their course work either by having a one-on-one session or group sessions.

Students can contact Renee Hawkins at rhaw@tjc.edu or by phone at (903) 510-2495.

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## Women's golf player has solid season

### GOLF

By Darius Nicholson  
Staff Writer

From Down Under to under par, freshman Apache golfer Jacki Marshall has experienced immediate success in her first tournaments.

Hailing all the way from Brisbane, Australia, Marshall has brought her golfing skill to the women's golf team.

"We were really excited to find out that Jacki decided to come to Tyler Junior College when we recruited her," Apache Golf Head Coach Sandy Terry said.

Marshall picked up a golf club around age 11 and has not stopped since.

"Both of my parents played, so it made sense for me to play, too," Marshall said.

Marshall is not the first Australian to make an appearance on the TJC women's golf team.

"The way I heard about Tyler Junior College was from a former Apache player. I knew I wanted to play golf and go to college, and it is really difficult to do it back home. TJC seemed like a great place to study and play," Marshall said.

In her first two tournaments as an Apache, Marshall took first place. In her third, she took fifth.

"It felt really good to win those first two tournaments. I was really not expecting to come out with those results, and I would like to keep results like that coming," Marshall said.

Marshall's most impressive showing this year was her second place finish in a Division I tournament.

"It was a really great performance and shows that TJC can compete with these Division I schools," Coach Terry said.

The golfer that Marshall idolizes at the moment is the new golf sensation Karrie Webb.

"I really like her a lot because she is a great player, and it doesn't hurt that she is Australia's number one female golfer," Marshall said.

Marshall has even caught the eye of some of the upperclassmen on the Apache golf team.

"She is really laid back and likes to have a good time, but when it is time to buckle down and do work, she gives it her all," said sophomore Apache golf player Alexis Byerly.



Jacki Marshall

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**SPIKE**  
Left, TJC volleyball player Corinna Stark, center, sets the ball for teammates in a home game at Wagstaff Gymnasium against Panola College.

Below, Stark, 24, from Germany, is the oldest student to ever compete for TJC volleyball.

Photos by Déjà Rollins

## Age not a factor for volleyball player

### VOLLEYBALL

By Déjà Rollins  
Staff Writer

A 19-hour flight away from home, 24 year-old Corinna Stark from Germany is the oldest player to ever compete on the Lady Apache volleyball team at Tyler Junior College.

"I decided to come to the U.S. to start a new beginning," Stark said.

Dana Hatch, TJC's head volleyball coach, found Stark on Volley USA, a Web site for foreign athletes. After being offered a full scholarship and an opportunity to play the game she loves for two more years, Stark accepted.

"I've been playing volleyball for 16 years...it's all I know," she said.

With a B.A. in Business Economics already under her belt, Stark said she is hoping to receive her Associates Degree in Sports Management while playing with the Lady Apaches.

The team is helping Stark transition to living in America as much as they can.

"She still has some trouble understanding us when we are on the court, but somehow we get the job done," Kyle Court, freshman defensive specialist, said.

While the rest of the team shares a dorm room with a teammate, Stark has her own dorm room because she is five years

older than most of the team.

"Coach acknowledges that I am older than the rest of the girls, but besides the dorm room, I don't get treated any differently," Stark said.

Playing in the U.S. is different for Stark because the game's speed is slower and the rules are not the same. In Germany, a single player can only play one position, which meant Stark was not used to transitioning on the court. American volleyball would be new for her.

"She is grasping the concept of American volleyball, but she's still very tough on herself," Court said.

"Sometimes I have to calm down and remember these girls are six and seven years younger than me, so I have to bring my intensity level down a bit," Stark said.

Although the youngest player on the team is 17 and from Belarus, and the oldest is 24 and from Germany, the team is still solid. They are all working together toward the same goal.

"Corinna is a very positive and competitive athlete... a lot of the girls look up to her," Assistant Coach Andrea Parker said.

Court said Corinna's maturity and experience balances the team out.

"Sometimes when they need to get serious, Corinna leads by example," Coach



Parker said.

After her two years of playing ball and attending school, Stark says she hopes to become a volleyball coach.

"Volleyball...I can't help it...I love it," Stark said.

## Former Conference Player of the Week hopes for playoff berth

### FOOTBALL

By Erica Smith  
Sports Editor

Former National and Conference Defensive Player of the week, Garrett Roget, is the Apache football team's starting strong-side linebacker and with the season coming to an end, he hopes the team could pull off a bowl game win.

Born in Albuquerque, N.M., Roget has been playing football for years.

"I've been playing since first grade," he said, "so this will be my 14th year."

His favorite player is former top ten-feared tackler for the NFL, John Lynch. Lynch had over 450 tackles in his career and was easily, according to the NFL, one of the most feared defensive players.

Being a linebacker, Roget has played a little bit of offense but has been mainly a defensive player since he was young. At Arlington Grace Prep, where he attended high school, Roget lettered on his varsity football team all four years, but only started two of those seasons.

Playing for TJC now and wearing the number 39, he was somewhat scouted for the team.

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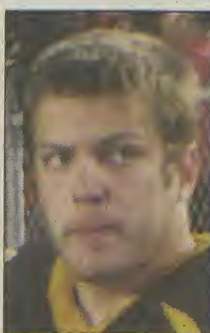
Roget had 15 tackles, 4 QB pressures 2 forced fumbles and an interception for a touchdown.

He was Conference Player of the Week as well as National Defensive Player of the Week.

"I was scouted a little, but I walked on," he said. "My brothers went to school here so I was familiar with the program and the coaches."

Although playing at this level can be tough, Roget has been lucky not to suffer any career-ending injuries.

"I broke my hand last year and got jersey finger in the spring, that's where the tendon peels off the bone in your finger," he said.



Garrett Roget

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Photo by Courtney Hodgkins

**HOMECOMING** Cheerleaders huddle together before the TJC homecoming game against Trinity Valley Community College on Oct. 24.

## sportsCALENDAR

### Upcoming TJC athletics

**Football:** Oct. 31, 3 p.m. @ Northeastern Oklahoma A&M; Nov. 7, TBA Playoffs

**Women's Soccer:** Nov. 1, TBA Playoffs

**Men's Soccer:** Oct. 30, TBA Playoffs

**Women's Basketball:** Nov. 3, 5:30 p.m. vs Eastern Oklahoma State College; Nov. 9, 5:30 p.m. vs East Texas Baptist University JV; Nov. 12-14 TJC Classic

**Men's Basketball:** Nov. 4, 6 p.m. vs Texas Wesleyan JV; Nov. 6-7 Robert Pack Classic; Nov. 13-14, TJC Classic



## Season to begin for Marquis and team

### BASKETBALL

By Brad Thompson  
Staff Writer

As the preseason comes to an end, it is now time to see how all the hard work that Coach Mike Marquis and his team have put into the coming season will pay off.

The Tyler Junior College men's basketball team has their first game of the 2009 season on Nov. 4 at 6 p.m. The game will be at TJC against Texas Wesleyan JV.

"We're really looking forward to this game. This is what we've been practicing hard for is to play the other teams and show that we really have something," said Brad Gay, returning wing for the men's basketball team.

Going in to this game the men hope for nothing more than to play well, and show that their team is able to win a championship.

"With this being my first game with this program, I really look forward to showing everybody what kind of talent we really have," said Cade Clark, power forward for the TJC basketball team.

After playing Texas Wesleyan, TJC will be going head-to-head against Brookhaven College.

"This season is going to be great because our first six games are at home," said Marquis.

This is just the first game of the season but Marquis is still looking forward to the game and has future plans for the rest of the season.

"I don't want to just be a coach that just

wants to win, I also want to prepare the team for their future. We got a good group of kids who treat this like a family, I know they will be grown up and show the new kids around," Marquis said.

With five returning, TJC will have seven new players for this year. Marquis and the team are excited for this coming season.

"I feel good about this year with having five returning players," Marquis said.

Gay said that there's no doubt that with Marquis as their coach and the kind of players they have on their team, that they will have another good season this year and maybe a chance to go to Hutch and play for the National Championship.

"There's a lot of people that can say they are going to have a good team, but I can actually say it and mean it," Gay said.

After having a great season last year with a record of 24-6 and going to playoffs, Coach Marquis looks for nothing more than just to be able to get his team back on the court and play.

"I'm not looking forward to playing a certain team, I'm just looking forward to the competition on the court," said Marquis.

With rivals TVCC and Kilgore coming back, that gives a lot to look forward to in the upcoming season.

"Playing TVCC and Kilgore has always been some big games for this program, so it's good to get that back," said Marquis.

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The end of the regular season is fast approaching and he and the other players are "sort of" pleased with the way the season has gone and is going to end.

"I hate losing any game," Roget said, "but it's an improvement from last year's season."

Having an "undecided" major, he is hoping to continue his football career somewhere else when he is done at TJC.

"I don't know for sure if I will play somewhere else, but I would like to," he said.

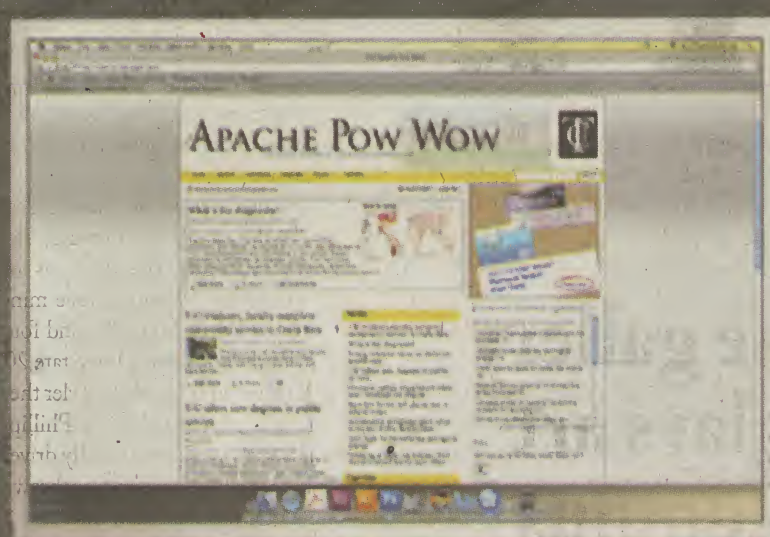
The regular scheduled season will come to an end for the Apaches on Saturday, Oct. 31 at 3 p.m. at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M, and with an overall record of 6-2 (as of Oct. 24).

The Apaches are looking for a play-off berth and a possible junior college bowl game appearance.

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"For only being around 5'3 she can drive the golf ball like she is 6 feet tall."

Marshall's favorite sport other than golf is touch football. Not the commonly known American touch football, but Australian touch football.

"It's so much fun. It is kind of like rugby, but instead of a tackle, it is replaced with two

hand touch," Marshall said.

Her major is kinesiology and she hopes to become a physical therapist one day, but has bigger dreams than physical therapy after college.

"I would really like to go pro and get on the LPGA Tour, and I would like to one day compete with Karrie Webb," Marshall said.

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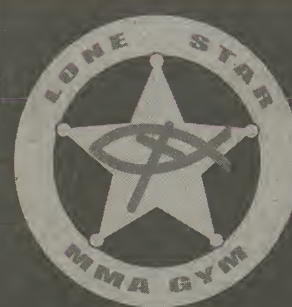
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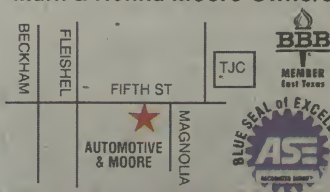
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## A Cappella prepares for first performance

**Jamie Regian**  
Staff Writer

Somber voices flow from the practice rooms through the upstairs floor of the Wise Cultural Arts Center as the A Cappella Choir prepares for its upcoming concert. The Nov. 5 performance will be the first time the group will be accompanied by a professional orchestra.

"They (the A Cappella choir) are performing a major work, which is a really big deal for a junior college... and it's going to have an orchestra with it," said Nathan Russell, the director of Choral Activities. "TJC hasn't done a major work by itself before."

Russell not only oversees the classical style A Cappella choir, but this is also his first year to direct two other ensembles at TJC, including Harmony and Understanding, which focuses on a more modern approach to music, and The Chamber Singers, a smaller, more voice-centered group.

"All in all, we have an excellent balance of men and women," Russell said. "We've got the most outstanding, aggressive men you've ever seen in your life."

Russell believes that all of their hard work has prepared them to face the challenges of the competitive world of college choir.

"We can pick on out neighbor

across town," Russell said. "We have about double the choir that they (The University of Texas at Tyler) have, so for a four-year institution, we can take them down."

Dr. Maria Guenette, the choir's accompanist, began playing the piano for the choir this fall, in addition to teaching piano classes for TJC.

"I'm playing piano for the rehearsal, but Nathan wants to make it as authentic as possible so...we're going to use a period instrument called the harpsichord instead of the piano, and I'm going to play the part for that," Guenette said.

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Photo by Jamie Regian

**PRACTICING FOR EXCELLENCE** The TJC A Cappella choir rehearses for the upcoming Nov. 5 performance. The Concert will be at First Presbyterian Church in Tyler.



Photo by Chantel Martin

**PETTIGREW'S ART** Pictured above is one of Pettigrew's art works that are currently displayed in TJC's Wise Auditorium Art Gallery.

## Wise gallery displays art of alumnus

**Chantel Martin**  
Staff Writer

Popsicle sticks, lamp shades and TV antennas.

Former Tyler Junior College graduate, Bryan Pettigrew, uses these everyday objects as materials and inspiration when creating his pieces of art.

"I go to thrift stores and find different items to use for \$20," he said. "I love textures, fabrics and color. And I may not know what the objects are, but I have a connection with them."

Pettigrew's exhibit, *Blockhead Alchemy*, will be on display Monday through Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. until Nov. 19 in the TJC Wise Auditorium Art Gallery. Art Instructor Derrick White said it was Pettigrew's commitment and way of seeing things that made him stand out the most.

"Bryan would make monumental sculptures and fantastic characters," White said. "He even made a life-size warrior out of popsicle sticks. Any day object would be turned into art."

Department Chair Chris Stewart said Pettigrew would make objects, and that is a really hard thing to do.

"He has a lot of talent and his art is very interesting," Stewart said. "His work was always big and ambitious. There are so many different things that are not meant to make art that he has control over. He really enjoys what he's doing."

Pettigrew said the instructors contacted him a few months ago about doing a show.

"I recently graduated in May from UNT in Denton, and I miss being back at TJC," he said. "I didn't feel like I was ready to do a solo show but my teachers were pushing me into doing it."

Stewart said the instructors build a good relationship with their students in order to see how they progress.

"It is like a family atmosphere here and a lot of students find their calling," Stewart said. "It comes together for them. When they move on, they usually drop us an email to show us how things are going. And one of the cool things about what we do is being able to see that we played some part of it. It's not the money. It's when the student comes back."

Pettigrew said he incorporated a few of his old and new pieces of art into the show in order to show progression.

"It took quite a while to come up with the pieces for the gallery," Pettigrew said. "I wanted to show how my artwork has changed over time and how it went from 2-D pieces to 3-D pieces. When I make art, I will put a piece in a

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## Discounts Draw Students to the Movies

**Sarah Hall**  
Verve Editor

One of the enduring past times of students, adults and children is going out and seeing the newest movie, but with the economic strains of the past few years, moviegoers may be finding it harder to pay for rising ticket prices.

What most Tyler residents may not know is there are multiple theaters that provide discounts and opportunities for saving money.

So far the best movie viewing deal in town is the small, but thriving, Sky Vue Drive-In Theater. The theater is located on Highway 69 north, three minutes North of Tyler's Loop 323 and four minutes South of Lindale's Interstate 20.

This newer addition to the Tyler theater scene was established by the Phillips family and gives viewers a friendly drive-in atmosphere with a little variety thrown into the movie experience.

"I will not play rated R movies because this is a family theater," said Robert Phillips, co-owner of Sky Vue. "Movies are picked based on how many people I think will come."

Sky Vue offers double features, or two movies, for only \$6 for adults on the same screen. The drive-in is open Friday through Wednesday, and each Friday the movie options change.

As for concessions, prices are about the same as other theaters, but a few more options are available such as pizza served by the slice on weekends.

"If someone comes in and wants a pizza during the week, I will be more than happy to make one for them," Phillips said.

For more information on show times and directions visit [www.tylerdrivein.com](http://www.tylerdrivein.com).

Although the biggest and more tech savvy theater, Carmike Cinema 14, does not have any type of student, senior citizen or group rates.

It does offer some deals on drinks, popcorn and candy. This includes "Stimulus Tuesdays" where guests of the theater can purchase a small popcorn and small drink for \$1 each or candy for \$2.

Carmike Cinema 14 is located at 7415 S. Broadway Ave. For show times and ticketing information, call (903) 939-8258 or visit [www.carmike.com](http://www.carmike.com).

For those who would rather not fight the crowded bustle of a larger movie theater, Time Square Cinema is the place to be.

Times Square is located at 5201 S Broadway Ave. in the Times Square Shopping Center in Tyler. Student discounts are \$5.50 with a valid student I.D.

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## Students are invited to TJC's The Venue

**Christine Strong**  
Staff Writer

With the lights dimmed and the atmosphere quiet, young performers take the stage to perform their original works. The Venue opens up the opportunity for students to express their talent and widen their artistic horizons.

The Venue is a "coffee house" that features art, which incorporates everything that pertains to performing. Whether it's singing, playing any instrument, dancing, or any other form of artistic expression, this program offers an opportunity to be entertained and a place to meet people.

"It is a laid back, relaxed atmosphere. Performers should feel no stress or pressure," said David Crawford, professor of theatre.

It is a place where students can come on a Saturday night just to listen to music, join in conversations with new acquaintances, and simply hang out.

"The Venue's purpose is to celebrate original work. It is a safe, warm environment for all to come to have a good time," said Crawford.

Based on the concept practiced at the "beatnik-coffeehouses" of the 50's and 60's, The Venue not only offers a place to go but also an opportunity for young performers to practice their talent in front of other unfamiliar faces.

A college-aged student is

### VENUE DATES

**Oct. 31**  
9 - 11 p.m. in Jean Browne Theatre

**Nov. 7**  
9 - 11 p.m. in Jean Browne Theatre

**Dec. 5**  
9 - 11 p.m. in Jean Browne Theatre

Admission is free and refreshments are provided.

named every year to be the Master of Ceremonies. This 'MC' has the important task of introducing each act before they go on stage to perform.

"It was a very good experience, and I hope to come back," said Brandon Thomas, who sang for the first time at The Venue held on Oct. 17. "I'm working on my stage presence and am trying to get over my stage fright."

The Venue recently celebrated its fourth anniversary. Throughout the years, the attendance has been growing at a steady pace. With coffee, hot tea, cider, lemonade and iced tea all being served, there is sure to be a beverage for everyone's taste.

Sponsored by Tyler Junior College Theatre and Green Acres College Ministries, The Venue is open to all individuals who want to perform. Guidelines for performing are simple - no vulgar-



Photo by Christine Strong

**PLAYING AT THE VENUE** Two students preform during the Oct. 17 Venue. The Venue is open to anyone who would like to preform for a small and welcoming audience.

ity, politicizing or sermonizing. The environment is a friendly one. The sponsors make certain that no one in the audience is offended by any act.

Each performer is allowed a maximum of five minutes on stage. Bands are not permitted due to the amount of time it takes to set up and tear down a band. Welcomed are all single musicians, singers, songwriters, poets, dancers, storytellers and comedians.

"I was more than ready to

get on stage. I've been singing since I was four and sing in the choir here," said Megan Simmons.

Remaining dates are Oct. 31, Nov. 7, and Dec. 5 in Jean Browne Theatre from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Admission is free to the public and refreshments are provided.

Students interested in performing must contact David Crawford at 903-510-2678 or [dcr@tjc.edu](mailto:dcr@tjc.edu) or sign up for info on Facebook at: I Heart Venue.



CHOIR

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Photos by Jamie Regian

Her involvement and experience with the choir continues to grow as she is present every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for the class meetings.

"The way Nathan is directing the class is very structured. It just makes it easier with the learning process. The students are really attentive and they seem to want to earn and be there. It's a good environment," Gunette said.

Any current TJC student who is interested in joining the A Cappella choir can register for the class MUEN 1242 in the spring.

This is also the first year that TJC's choir has had elected officers. Music major Peyton Neill, the president, agrees that they have all made vast improvements.

"We are actually more talented than last year, and our voices are blending very well," Neill said.

In addition to being in Van High School Choir for four years, Neill is also a member of two of the three ensemble groups at TJC and participates with both in preparation for the first concert of the season.

"It feels like we're pushing our limits, and in a very good way, because I've never had the privilege of doing that before. It makes us want to do better," Neill said. "It makes us think, 'how good are we...?' Do we want to get showed up by the orchestra? No, we want to be the best we can, so it's gonna push us more."

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Nov. 5 in the First Presbyterian Church at 230 W. Rusk St. in Tyler.

**A CAPPELLA** Above, The TJC A Cappella choir rehearses for the upcoming Nov. 5 performance. The Concert will be at First Presbyterian Church in Tyler. Below, Nathan Russell, the director of Choral Activities, leads the A Cappella choir during rehearsal.



MOVIES

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Concession prices are also some of the cheapest in town.

"I would rather go to Times Square because it's closer to my house, tickets are cheaper and I could go to Breakers afterwards for dinner, or Julians," Allen Magbana, a native to Tyler said.

The only downside to the small theater setting is that not all movies are shown. But Times Square is known to do it's best to please the public.

"We are able to play some of the church movies that come through that the other cinemas don't think will make enough money," said manager Jeremy Simpson. "There are a lot of churchy and older people in Tyler that enjoy being able to see those movies."

Times Square also sells group tickets for groups of



Photo by Sarah Hall

**SKY VUE** Above, the Sky Vue Drive-In sign stands next to Highway 69 and displays the day's movie listings.

10-15 viewers where 25-50 cents is taken of each ticketed price. Coupons are also available in the back of phone books for things such as "buy

one get free" or a percentage off purchases.

For more information on movie times and tickets, call (903) 581-1818.

ART

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specific spot and then move it out of the way. Wherever I would put that piece turned out to be the perfect place to keep it."

Along with the show, Pettigrew said he is putting on a performance during his reception and artist talk at 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 19 in the TJC Wise Auditorium Art Gallery.

"At a performance, I turn myself into art and present it in front of people," he said. "I'm keeping a lot of the details a secret."

Pettigrew said he took a class called Hybrid Forms, at the University of North Texas in Denton, that changed the way he thinks about art and performing. He said the class also helped him to become more comfortable in front of people.

"I am very shy, but I tried the class and it worked for some reason," he said. "The class taught me that art does not have to be just drawing and painting."

Pettigrew said that one of the main features of his performance is the appearance of his character Blockhead. He said the idea came from his personal transformation throughout life.

"I have been losing weight and my face has changed," Pettigrew said. "I look in the mirror and question my identity. I think all people question themselves and that's where I developed my cartoon character Blockhead."

Growing up he was planning to become a cartoonist. He said that while in school, he was impressed with a lot of abstract art.



Photo by Chantel Martin


**ART** Above, one of Pettigrew's art works is displayed in Wise Art Gallery.


"I started creating art based off of feelings and emotions," Pettigrew said. "Other student's artwork was cohesive while mine was everywhere. But it changed over time and is more controlled now."

Currently, Pettigrew said he will continue to do shows and hopefully get a job at an art gallery. He said he has learned that in art, anything goes.


"I always had goofy ideas that I would never think worked," Pettigrew said. "Having random thoughts is a good thing and you should try things that you would never try before. Don't pick what you're used to, but try something new."

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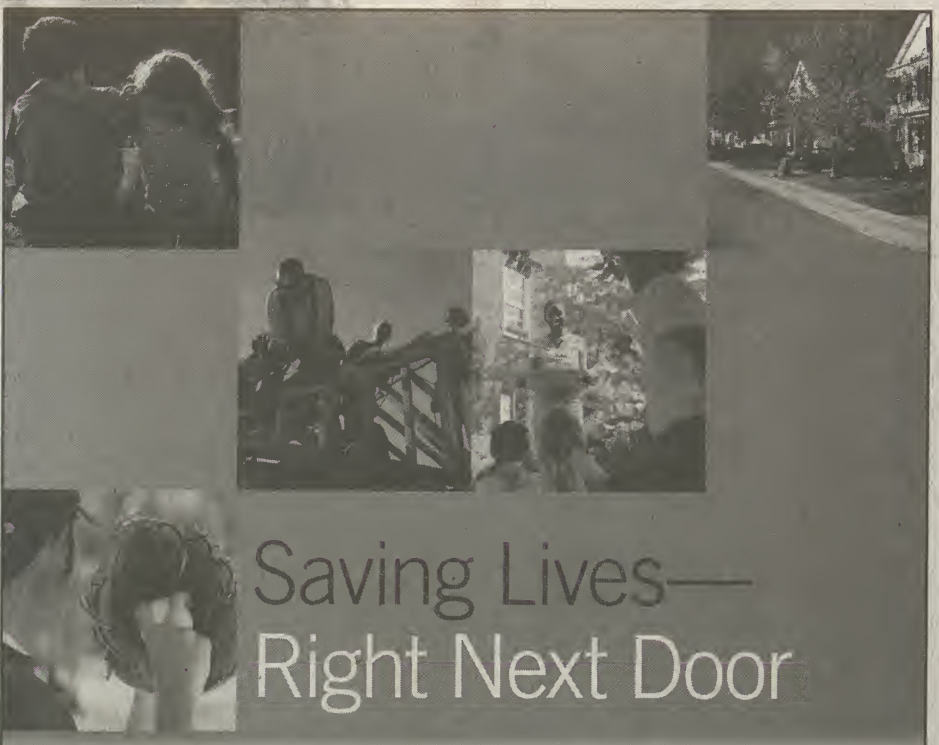
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## Swine Flu epidemic hits TJC campus

By Austin Witherspoon  
Staff Writer

The office at the East Texas Medical Center Clinic on the second floor of Rogers' Student Center has officially hit its busy season. Up to 80 students per day visit the clinic and about half are particularly concerned with the flu.

"Hectic is the best word to describe the days here lately," Tyler Junior College's on-campus nurse Frank Escobedo said.

So far, there have been 83 cases of H1N1 among students and faculty this semester compared to no cases at all last semester.

"The virus is very infectious, and we are in a high-risk population what with enclosed areas such as dorms and classrooms," said Dr. Stephanie Eijnsink, ETMC First Physicians Clinic at TJC.

The virus is an upper-respiratory droplet infection – spread through the air and direct

**"Hygiene is the alpha and omega of prevention. Wash your hands often, avoid sharing drinks, and they will be less likely to catch the virus."**

—Stephanie Eijnsink  
ETMC First Physicians Clinic

contact.

Symptoms of the virus include sudden onset, high fever, headache – borderline migraine, nausea and body chills. Eijnsink said the most important symptoms to be aware of are the sudden onset and severe fever and headache.

The virus has even infected TJC's on-campus nurse working in the clinic but he is in remission and recovering well.

"I needed sleep and rest, which I didn't get. That's why it took me so long to get bet-

ter," Escobedo said.

The virus has hit every department on campus including the Speech and Theatre Department. "Henry V" finished its last showing Oct. 11, and the male lead, TJC freshman Caden Crawford, had contracted the virus.

"He seemed really tired and weak. I don't know how he could've done the show," freshman co-cast member Megan Bryant said.

With eight performances, clearly the virus would take a toll on anyone over such a strenuous period of time.

The ETMC clinic currently is in possession of seasonal flu shots but is running low. However, they are awaiting the arrival of H1N1 vaccinations. The clinic has begun work on a 10-day protocol to use the 12,500 vaccinations it will receive relatively soon to inoculate everyone on campus for free.

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### On Campus

## Many alumni still involved in TJC life

By Jarah Wright  
Staff Writer

Tyler Junior College is a starting point for many students, but some can't seem to get enough.

Many teachers and faculty members at TJC are also alumni.

Dennis Mayfield is an instructor in the biology department. He graduated from TJC in the class of 1974, was involved in the rodeo club and was vice president of Phi Theta Kappa.

"I lived in a small town outside of Tyler. My school was very small," Mayfield said. "TJC was an excellent transition stage for me."

After graduating from TJC, Mayfield transferred to Texas A&M University. While working towards his bachelor's degree at A&M, he received a phone call from one of his former professors about a job.

"In the winter of 1976, my former teacher Judith Pilgrim called me and said they had an opening for a lab teacher. I had worked as a student assistant for the biology department so I knew all of the teachers, so I went for the job," Mayfield said.

He interviewed over spring break and came to work at TJC as soon as he graduated from summer school.

"I've worked at TJC for the past 33 years. I've never had another full-time job except for this one, and I've never considered another job because I enjoy it," said Mayfield.

Jan Adams is the director of Academic Advising. She graduated in the Class of 1990 at the age of 34.

It was an adult workshop that first brought her to the TJC campus.

"I had three children and no college," Adams said. "I went to an adult workshop given by Vickie Geisel. I read that I could succeed in college and decided to go back to school."

She went to both TJC and The University of Texas at Tyler at the same time and graduated from both on the same day.

Her last year of school, she interned with Fred Peters until she noticed there was a position open in the admissions department at TJC. She received the job and began working with veteran students and then got a promotion to move into support services where she now works as director of academic advising.

"Going back to college changed my life. TJC felt like home," she said.

Adams is now reaching out to help students who never thought they could finish college.

Ashleigh Lewis is the coordinator of the First Year Experience.

She graduated in the Class of 2001, was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, and an Apache Belle.

"I toured the TJC campus and loved it," Lewis said. "I was even questioning if I wanted to dance anymore. Then I went to the Belle's Spring Show. It was then that I knew what I wanted to do."

After graduating from TJC, she went to UT-Tyler where she majored in journalism before deciding on public relations.

Lewis went to a job fair at TJC and turned in her resume. A few days later he called back and told her she had the job.

"I've loved it here, and I'm very glad that I've gotten to come back on as staff."

## Dorms reach maximum capacity

By Courtney Hodgkins  
Student Life Editor

With maximum capacity fulfilled, the demand for dorms is greater than what housing can offer.

Tyler Junior College plans on building a "250 bed facility across from Bateman in the next 5-6 years," said Angela Nunez, director of Residential Life and Housing.

Many students are finding the limited number of beds an issue. Over the summer, approximately 250 students were not able to attend TJC in the fall because of the lack of rooms.

A couple weeks before school started for the fall semester, the housing department stopped placing people on the waiting list because they already had 300 on it. In the summer of 2008, the waiting list drew approximately 100 students who didn't end up being placed in a room.

Last year, the capacity was 97 percent and this year has increased to 100 percent. On average, most campus housing only reaches about 80 percent capacity.

These statistics show the housing department must have certain things that are attracting students to live on campus.

"We have to show students what they want out of housing to make them want to be a part of the dorm life," said Nunez.

To help keep up with demand, Residential Life and Housing added a new dorm complex, Louise H. and Joseph Z. Ornelas Complex, last summer housing 462 students. The older dorms cost \$2,075 per semester and Ornelas costs \$2,985 per semester.

Housing on campus can accommodate 1,063 students including residential assistants. Approximately 350 of those students are athletes.

With changes and renovations taking place throughout campus in the next few years, housing is interested in getting the Ornelas hall paid for and making cosmetic changes to the older halls.

"We hope to make cosmetic changes and fix repairs for now," said Samantha Faggett, Housing area coordinator.

With most of the halls, adding a fresh coat of paint, new blinds, ventilation systems and fixing minor leaks are the main priorities to keeping the dorms up and running.



Photos by Courtney Hodgkins

**DORM ROOMS** Jessica Sorbel is a dorm resident in the Louise H. and Joseph Z. Ornelas Residential Complex. Whitney Flewollen, at right, is a dorm resident of Claridge.

In the near future, Nunez would like to see more study halls added in the dorms along with some computers, kitchen set ups, and new mattresses.

Housing is "trying to provide students with incentives to stay on campus rather than off," said Nunez.

Housing is trying to make changes to meet the demand from students. With conferences, Residential Hall Association (RHA) meetings, surveys, dances and other events, on-campus housing is also trying to provide things such as flat-screen TVs, gaming systems and entertainment to encourage



more students to live on campus.

"I chose living on campus because I wanted to interact with the culture by meeting other students," said Adela Elizondo, foreigner.

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## International students play role in building diversity at TJC

By Audrinee' Anderson  
Staff Writer

Since the 1980s, international students have played a role in building Tyler Junior College's diversity.

"International students love the diversity that TJC brings," said Carl Blundell, TJC student athlete from England.

Scholarships offered to international students consist of housing, a meal plan and books. Receiving a scholarship gives them an opportunity to be "part of a team, group, and gets them involved," said Nidia Hassan, director of Admissions and Dual Credit.

There are about 20 international athletes that attend TJC on an athletic scholarship according to Justin Permenter, coordinator of international student admissions.

"There are also some international students that attend TJC on an academic scholarship, which gives some the advan-

tage because they receive in-state tuition cost and don't have to pay out-of-district fees," Hassan said.

Although there has been an increase of international students this year over last year, "35 out of 58 of them are not here on a scholarship," Permenter said.

International students try to do well athletically and academically, because this puts them in a position to receive a scholarship the following semester.

Having students from around the world benefits all students who attend TJC by connecting students from different countries and broadening horizons about cultures, traditions and religions, Hassan said.

Not only do international students get the benefit of having tuition and other expenses paid, they get the opportunity to experience life in a different country.

In contrast, scholarships can be taken away from international students for "disci-

plinary issues, legal trouble or not fulfilling academic responsibilities," Permenter said.

However, to be able to enroll in TJC, international students have to go through specific procedures. The international students have to fill out admissions applications, submit immunization forms, copies of passports/visas and a TOEFL (test of English as a foreign language), which is a test to determine how well the student speaks and understands English.

Another document that the international students have to provide is an affidavit of their bank statement that shows their bank balance. This is to ensure that the student can pay for college if not offered a scholarship.

"Some international students work all summer to be able to pay for college," Setchell said.

Though this may seem like a long process to some, this is a life-changing opportunity for others.



Photo by Courtney Hodgkins

**AROUND THE WORLD** International golf students, Jacki Marshall, Stefani Labuschagne, Cody Adolph and Chris George enjoy the TJC homecoming pep rally on Oct. 24.



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**HOMECOMING**  
Left, the Apache Cheerleaders and, the Apache Belles, right, encourage the football team during Homecoming. TJC beat Trinity Valley 36-33, sending them to playoffs for the first time since 2004.  
Photos by Courtney Hodgkins



## FLU

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According to a July 25 article in the *Chicago Tribune*, health officials say up to 40 percent of Americans could get H1N1 this year and several hundred thousand could die without a successful vaccine campaign.

The virus' popularity in the media has many students running scared, jumping the gun at any slight sign of contracting the virus.

"The media has made such an over-exaggerated hysteria, that it seems to be worse than the disease itself," Escobedo said.

As long as the student and faculty population on campus are careful, they can avoid contracting the virus.

"Hygiene is the alpha and omega of prevention. Wash your hands often, avoid sharing drinks, and they will be

less likely to catch the virus," Eijssink said.

Eijssink also advises the student body to use hand sanitizers sparingly when they are available.

The clinic is staffed 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on weekdays. In addition, registered nurses from ETMC offer continuous after hours referral care by phone.

These nurses triage the conditions of TJC students and staff members using an advanced computer-driven protocol system. If the nurses determine that immediate primary care is needed after hours, ETMC will offer free transportation for on-campus TJC students to and from the ETMC emergency center in Tyler. The number to call in case of an emergency is (903) 510-ETMC.

## DORMS

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from Mexico, freshman student living in Claridge hall. "I like it because you meet a lot of great people and all my classes are nearby."

Residential Life and Housing is also in the process of setting up an online housing system, accessible through Apache Access to better communicate with residents about applying/billing/cancelling, forms, dimensions and pictures of the rooms, and communicating with potential roommates.

"We hope to have this system running by November, December at the latest," said Nunez.

Currently there are around 100 students on the waiting list for spring semester, so anyone interested in on-campus living should fill out an application. Residents on campus must pay their spring payment on or before Dec. 1. Anyone interested in dorms should stop by the Residential Life and Housing office.

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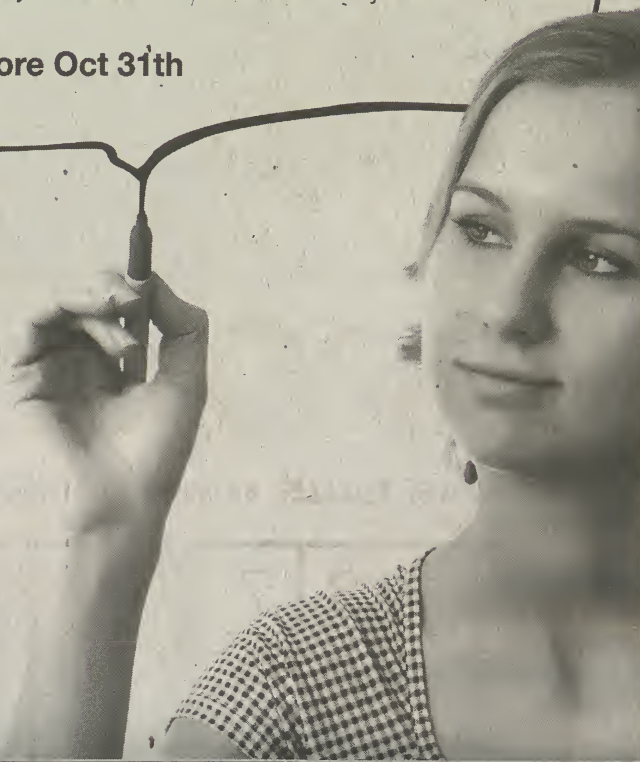
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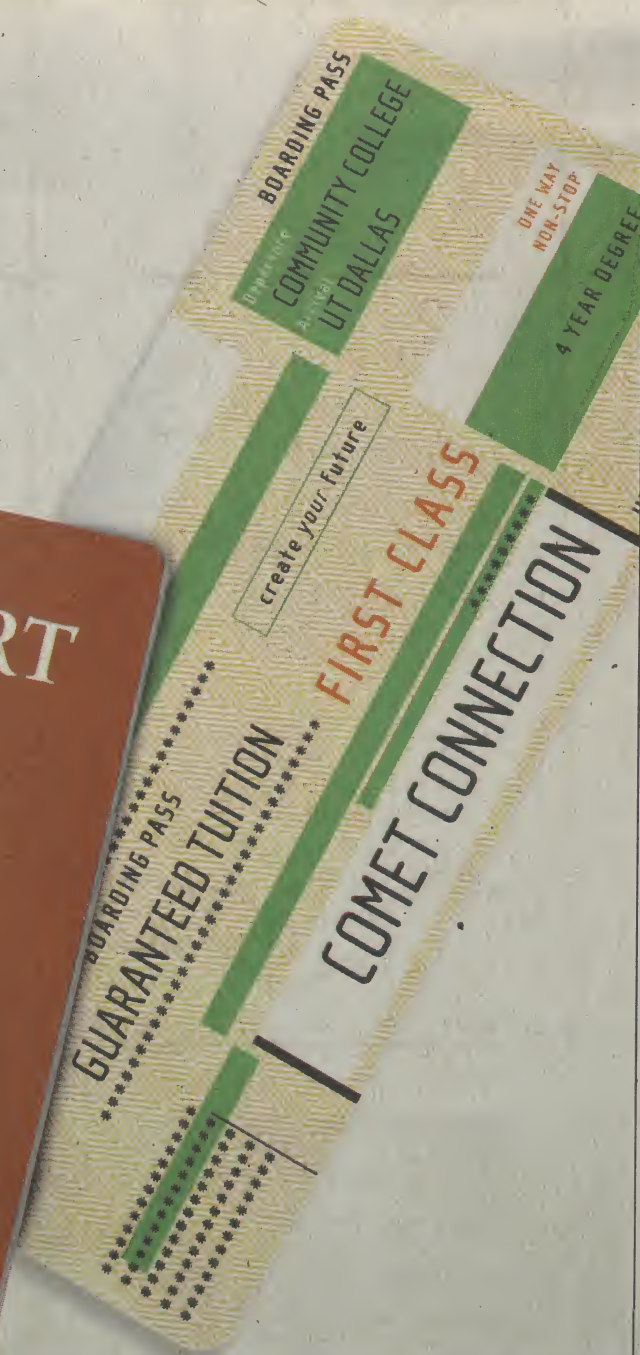
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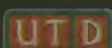
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## SMOKING

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the right information has been gathered from the right people," said Ngyuen.

The University of Texas at Arlington is probably going to be the first smoke-free four-year university in Texas. UTA is already in compliance with their city's smoke-free ordinance. Currently, anyone caught smoking within 50 feet of any building on campus will receive a fine of \$15 for the first offense and \$25 if caught a second time.

Texas has at least 15 college campuses that are 100 percent smoke free according to

American Non-smokers Rights Foundation. Eastfield Community College in Dallas is a smoke-free campus. Students and faculty are only allowed to smoke in cars in the parking lot, according to Sharon Cook, director of College Communications and Community Relations, Eastfield College.

San Antonio College, Alamo Community College District, and Tarrant County College are some of the other colleges than have taken a stand against secondhand smoke.

## CROWDED

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sooner," Angels Nunez, director of Residential Life and Housing, said.

It is not out of the ordinary to fill all of the TJC dorms before the semester, but in the recent spring semester, Nunez had a waiting list of 100 people hoping to get a bed. In the current fall semester, her waiting list tripled.

"Some students were not able to attend this semester because they were unable to live on campus," Nunez said.

Another issue that directly affects students attending is parking. The college has done some things to alleviate this dilemma, like the satellite campuses in Jacksonville and Lindale. These campuses allow students in areas outside of Tyler the opportunity to get a quality education closer to home and keep them from commuting to the main campus.

"The satellite campuses help parking on campus," said Hayes.

TJC is not the only one experiencing parking issues due to an increase in student population. The Dallas County Community College District has taken some unique steps to ease parking issues.

"Some colleges were able to enlist the help of area churches or businesses to allow students and employees to use overflow parking; others used grassy areas for parking," Ann Hatch, Media Relations for the DCCCD, said. "Eventually, as everyone settled in for the semester, the

parking situation has eased."

The DCCCD has also asked faculty to park farther away from the buildings allowing students to utilize the faculty parking spaces. The DCCCD consists of seven individual colleges and has seen an 11.9 percent increase in their enrollment this semester bringing their total to 70,000 students.

"Fortunately, Dallas County voters approved a \$450 million bond program in May 2004, so we already have been adding new buildings and facilities on each of our campuses," Hatch said.

TJC students won't see new classrooms being built in the near future, but plans are being made to add new buildings to the campus.

"The board passed a new master plan to see how we could add new facilities," said Hayes.

Some of the new facilities mentioned were a building for the Apache Band, a new Allied Health and Nursing building, and more parking areas.

With this new growth will come change and TJC will adjust to the enrollment increase by making the necessary changes to accommodate all students.

"When I look at colleagues in California and Florida and other states, we are doing pretty good in Texas, others are turning students away," said Hayes

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Oct. 30 - Nov. 13

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### STUDENT RECITALS

1 p.m. in Jean Browne Theatre

### SOCCER

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7 p.m.

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### ACADEMICS

Online registration begins for Spring 2010 Term.

**4**

### BASKETBALL

vs. Texas Wesleyan JV  
6 p.m.

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### TJC CHOIR CONCERT

First Presbyterian Church  
7:30 p.m.

**6**

### STUDENT RECITALS

1 p.m. in Jean Browne

### BASKETBALL

vs. Brookhaven College  
8 p.m.

**7**

### THE VENUE

9-11 p.m. in Jean Brown

**13**

### STUDENT RECITALS

1 p.m. in Jean Browne

### BASKETBALL

vs. Wiley College  
8 p.m.

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- Actor Wyle
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- Sends a quick note, for short
- Téa's role on "The Naked Truth"
- "The Parent \_\_\_"; Lindsay Lohan/Dennis Quaid movie
- \_\_\_ West
- "Ghost \_\_\_"
- Take a wait-\_\_\_ attitude; hold off
- Music style from Jamaica
- Bruce or Brandon
- Malik McGrath and Chuny Marquez: abbr.
- "Father Knows \_\_\_"
- Role on "Law & Order: SVU"
- Dressed
- \_\_\_ TV; new name for Court TV
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- "Grand \_\_\_ Opry"
- Moving \_\_\_; advancing
- Series for America Ferrera
- \_\_\_ Tree Hill

### DOWN

- Nap
- "Two \_\_\_ Half Men"
- Fish's propeller
- French artist and designer
- British conservative
- Dined
- "\_\_\_ Trek: Voyager"
- "E! \_\_\_ Hollywood Story"
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- Cow's comment
- "Sweet Nothing in My \_\_\_"
- Defrosts
- Oscar-winning "The English \_\_\_"
- Miscalculates
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- Actor Epps
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- "Last Action \_\_\_"; movie for Arnold Schwarzenegger
- Lead role on "JAG"
- \_\_\_ Guinness
- Actress Carter
- Oscar \_\_\_ Hoya
- Concorde, for short
- Fitzgerald of jazz
- Prophet
- Trampled
- "American \_\_\_"
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